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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY RICE FOR LAOS

REF: A) KRANKER/GUEST TELCON JULY 28, 1975; B) UDORN/
DAO CONFIDENTIAL 1131 (250300Z JUL 75;)
C) VIENTIANE 4586

1. PER REF A, UNDERSTAND 207.5 MT FIGURE PER REF B FOR
DIVERSION FROM LUANG PRABANG TO VIENTIANE, INCORRECT.
WE ARE NOW TO REQUEST DIVERSION OF 214.5MT AGAINST
CONTRACT AID 439-BK-216 AND 39.9 MT AGAI ST
AID -439-BK/-015, BOTH QUANTITIES TO BE DIVERTED FROM
LUANG PRABANGK TO VIENTIANE DELIVERY. THE 174 MT AGAINST
CONTRACT 015 IS ALSO TO BE DIVERTED (FROM PAKSE) TO
VIENTIANE AND WE ARE TO AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING
SAVANNAKHET AND THAHKEK QUANTITIES.

2. PWO ADVISES THAT CUSTOMS PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED
BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS DIVERSIONS AGAINST THESE CONTRACTS
NOW BECOMING SERIOUS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BOTH
CONTRACTS WERE EFFECTED IN AUGUST, 1974 (ALMOST ONE YEAR
AGO) AND THAT NUMEROUSE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED
SINCE THEN, EACH CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUIRING AMENDMENT
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OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCES. PWO STILL HAS NOT CLEARED

THE LAST AMENDMENT (APRIL 18, 1975) AGAINST CONTRACT 015 THROUGH CUSTOMS AND PRESENT DIVERSIONS REQUIRE THEM TO GAAIN AMEND CUSTOMS PAPERS.

BASED ON PWO STATEMENTS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE DIVERSIONS AGAINST CONTRACTS 015 AND 216 CAN BE EFFECTED PRIOR TO AUGUST 10. HOWEVER, WE WILL PRESS THEM TO DO WHAT THEY CAN.

3. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED DIVERSIONS OF ALL THE RICE DUE UNDER CONTRACTS AID -439-BK-75-844 (204MT) AND AID -439-BK-75-959 (1043.1 MT JULY PORTION) TO VIENTIANE. AS THE RTG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS STILL NOT CLEARED THESE TWO CONTRACTS-CUSTOMS CLEARANCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN FILED. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT UNLESS MFA CLEARANCE IS FORTHCOMING SOON, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THE AUGUST 10 DATE WITH THIS RICE EITHER.

4. REF B, PARA 3, REQUESTS AAIRA ACT AS "CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR ALL FUTURE RICE DELIVERIES TO VIENTIANE," PRESUME THIS WILL NOT CREATE PROBLEMS WITH PGNU VIEW, REF C, PARA 4.

5. PLEASE FURNISH NAME OF RECEIVING OFFICER BY CABLE SO THAT WE CAN INFORM PWO. ALSO FORWARD SIGNATURE SPECIMEN BY POUCH ASAP.

6. IF YOU DO NOT EXPECT RECEIVING OFFIIER TO USE DD FORM 250, SUGGEST YOU AUTHORIZE HIM TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT DIRECTLY ON PWO DELIVERY DOCUMENTS.

7. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD STRESS TO AAIRA THAT CERTIFICATION REQUIRES PHYSIIAL PRESENCE OF USG REPRESENTATIVE WHEN RICE IS DELIVERED.
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